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SUBJECT: KENYA BORDER DISPUTE

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 4213 AND PREVIOUS; B) DAR ES SALAAM

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1. MINIEHER OF COMMUNICATIONS TANDAU ON JANUARY 1 PUBLICLY
REJECTED ZAMBIAN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN TRIPARTITE
(KENYA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA) TALKS ON TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS
UNTIL AND UNLESS KENYA REOPENS HER BORDER WITH TANZANIA,
ON GROUNDS THAT ROUTES AGREED ON IN DECEMBER TRIPARTITE
MEETING HAD BEEN "UNILATERALLY BLOCKED BY KENYA." THESE
ROUTES (I.E., RAIL/TRUCK ROUTE VIA MIKUMI, AND MARINE/TRUCK
ROUTE VIA DAR ES SALAAM) WOULD BE MORE ERVN SICAL TO ZAMBIA

AND TO EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY THAT THE (ALL TRUCK) ROUTE
INSISTED UPON BY KENYAN KENATCO TRUCKING COMPANY. HE
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INSISTED THAT DAR ES SALAAM PORT CAPABLE OF HANDLING ALL KINDS

OF CARGO, INCLUDING SULPHUR.

2. TANDAU ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO POINT TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH KENYA ON BORDER CLOSING "BECAUSE WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO CRISIS BETWEEN US AND KENYA." FOR THE SAME REASON, TANZANIA HAD NO INTENTION OF CLOSING ITS SIDE OF BORDER IN RETALIATION.

3. ON DECEMBER 31 TANDAU REITERATED THAT IF TANZANIA DID ATTEND TALKS ON TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, IT WOULD MAINTAIN ITS POSITION WITH REGARD TO USE OF NORTHERN ROADS BY HEAVY TRUCKS.

4. EDITORIALS IN BOTH TANZANIA DAILY PAPERS JANUARY 2 ENDORSED TANGOV REFUSAL TO TALK UNTIL BORDER REOPENED BY KENYA, WHILE STRESSING TANZANIA'S CONTINUED CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH ZAMBIA. DAILY NEWS LIKED KENYA'S ACTION IN CLOSING BORDER TO THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IMPOSED ON CUBA BY U.S. AND ON WHITE SOUTHERN AFRICA STATES BY MANY COUNTRIES. "ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ARE ALWAYS INSTITUTED TO STRANGLE A COUNTRY," AND IT IS "KENYA AND NOT TANZANIA WHICH MUST EXPLAIN THIS IMPLICIT

DECLARATION OF WAR." PAPER ALSO FRONTPAGED MOMBASA KANU EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATEMENT DISOWNING ITS CHAIRMAN'S DEMAND THAT ALL TANZANIANS BE EXPELLED FROM KENYA.

5. STATUS OF BORDER CROSSING (REFS B AND C) REMAINS SOMEWHAT IN DOUBT. NO PROBLEMS FOR TOURISTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM THE OFFICIALLY OPEN NAMANGA CROSSING, BUT WE KNOW OF ONE TOURIST CAR (NOT BUS) THAT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE KENYA AT TAVETA CROSSING, AND LOCAL TOURIST AUTHORITIES REPORT SOME CARS HAVE BEEN DENIED ENTRY TO KENYA AT LUNGALUNGA (TANGA - MOMBASA ROAD). IT MAY BE KENYAN BORDER POLICE HAVE SINCE BEEN INSTRUCTED LET TOURISTS THROUGH.

6. COMMENT: TANGOV BELIEVES BALL IN KENYA'S COURT.
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